

December 20, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 20, 2017, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of November 29, 2017 and December 6, 2017, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-479  
Casey W. Perman  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Casey W. Perman, Glenham, South Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-480  
Austin Ray Henderson  
Auctioneer  
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Austin Ray Henderson, Solen, North Dakota.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Blaster Certification  
Approval

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve blaster certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affiliation	Certificate No.
Peter Lorge	Freedom Mine	17-12-403
Justin Horning	Beulah Mine	17-12-404
Brant Hanson	Falkirk Mine	17-12-405

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-268  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Advance Prudence –  
Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion  
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$174,821.34 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Advance Prudence – Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-17-268.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-269  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Thunder Spirit Wind  
Expansion Project  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$9,821.35 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion Project, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-269.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-332  
Northern States Power Company  
115 kV Transmission Line –  
Cass County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$9,886.68 in Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting – Laurentian PPA Termination, Application, Case No. PU-17-322.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-340  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost  
Recovery (2018)  
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$9,124.40 in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2018), Rates, Case No. PU-17-340.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-346  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Capacity Reservation –  
Gwinner Pipeline  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$9,557.07 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Capacity Reservation – Gwinner Pipeline, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-346.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-09-153  
Hawthorn Oil Transportation  
(North Dakota), Inc.  
8- inch Crude Oil Pipeline –  
Mountrail County  
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$6,065.66 in Hawthorn Oil Transportation (North Dakota) Inc., 8-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Mountrail County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-153.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-17-81  
2017 Exploratory Drilling  
AML Project  
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-777-17 with S&S Drilling, Inc. for completion of exploratory drilling services at the 2017 Exploratory Drilling AML Reclamation Project.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-17-82  
2017 Wilton Phase 3  
AML Project  
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-780-17 with B&C Concrete Pumping, Inc. for completion of drilling and grouting and close out Contract No. AM-781-17 with GEOSERV, Inc. for completion of material testing services, both for the 2017 Wilton Phase 3 AML Reclamation Project.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-17-83  
2017 Columbus Phase 16  
AML Project  
Project

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission close out Contract No. AM-782-17 with Hanson's Excavating, Inc. for completion of construction services at the 2017 Columbus Phase 16 AML Reclamation Project.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-17-172  
Dakota Westmoreland Corporation  
Notice of Violation 1701  
Violation

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. RC-17-172, Notice of Violation No. 1701 issued to Dakota Westmoreland Corporation at the Beulah Mine, to affirm the violation, assess a civil penalty, and close the case upon payment of the penalty.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-17-484  
Diamond W Feeds Inc.  
License No. 1340 - Medina, ND  
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in Diamond W Feeds, Inc., License No. 1340 – Medina, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE-17-484.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-238  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Economic Development  
Tariff

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Economic Development, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-238.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-338  
KPH, Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, KPH, Inc, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-17-338 and Case No. PU-17-355.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-355  
KPH, Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-17-356  
Northern States Power Company  
Customer Service Hours - Electric  
Tariff

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Revisions to Tariff Contact Information in Northern States Power Company, Customer Service Hours – Electric, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-356 and Northern States Power Company, Customer Service Hours – Natural Gas, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-357.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-357  
Northern States Power Company  
Customer Service Hours - Natural Gas  
Tariff

Case No. PU-17-364  
Northern States Power Company  
Renewable Resource Cost  
Recovery (2018)  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Renewable Resource Cost Recovery Rates, Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2018), Rates, Case No. PU-17-364.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-365  
Northern States Power Company  
Transmission Facility Cost  
Recovery (2018)  
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rates, Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2018), Rates, Case No. PU-17-365.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-398  
Otter Tail Power Company  
2017 Electric Rate Increase  
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Interim Rates in Otter Tail Power Company, 2017 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-398.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-469  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources  
Generation Resource Cost Recovery  
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the tariff and rates, reduce the filing fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-469.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-397  
Arrow Field Services, LLC  
Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing  
Plant II - McKenzie  
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission deem the application complete and issue a Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in Arrow Field Services, LLC, Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing Plant II - McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-397.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-238  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Economic Development  
Tariff

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh, Victor Schock and Sara Cardwell as advocacy effective November 2, 2017, in Otter Tail Power Company, Economic Development, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-238.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Case No. PU-17-376  
Veit & Company, Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy effective November 30, 2017, in Public Service Commission, Viet & Company, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-17-376.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-460  
JMAC Resources, Inc.  
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy effective December 5, 2017, in Public Service Commission, JMAC Resources, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-17-460.


Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:49 A.M.

  
Executive Secretary

  
RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN